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For GAS OPENING/CLOSING PIN

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicant requests entry of the following amendments:

In the Abstract

On page 12, at line 14, delete "FIG. 5".

In the Claims

Please amend claims 5-7 to read as follows (a marked up version of these claims being appended hereto):

- 1 5. A gas opening/closing pin according to claim 1, wherein the gas opening/closing
2 pin is made of a metal.
- 1 6. A gas opening/closing pin according to claim 1, wherein the outer periphery of the
2 upper end portion of the gas opening/closing pin is chamfered.
- 1 7. A gas opening/closing pin according to claim 1, wherein the gas opening/closing
2 pin is made of a nonmetal.

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1 5. A gas opening/closing pin according to [one of claims 1 to 4] claim 1, wherein the
2 gas opening/closing pin is made of a metal.

1 6. A gas opening/closing pin according to [one of claims 1 to 4] claim 1, wherein the
2 outer periphery of the upper end portion of the gas opening/closing pin is
3 chamfered.[.]

1 7. A gas opening/closing pin according to [one of claims 1 to 4] claim 1, wherein the
2 gas opening/closing pin is made of a nonmetal.

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